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Dogs of all shapes and sizes got a good walk with their owners Sunday in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. The annual Steps for Pets walkathon offered a three kilometre walk with participants raising around \$12,000, which is an increase from about \$11,000 last year. It is the largest annual fundraiser for the Morden-based organization and is vital in helping the society keep up with its increasing costs including veterinary care for its animals.

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Lemonade and more for Katie Cares



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE This was no simple little lemonade stand as young Jaxon Forster for

a third year held his Lemonade'n'Stuff for Katie Cares at his family's home at 441 15th Street in Morden. In addition to lemonade, there was everything from face-painting and dance demos to stilt-walking and a silent auction. Forster had a cousin who later passed away but who benefitted from Katie Cares, and he wants to help "so they can keep doing what they're doing now."Last year he raised \$780 and was hoping to do as well again this year. "it's great for us to see a young kid who has empathy for someone else. It's encouraging," said Randy Reimer of Katie Cares. "It's just a heartwarming thing when they say 'I've got to do this'."



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PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Large crowds turned out Sunday at the Morden Park for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. The event of the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre invited children to bring their special stuffed toys to the park to have a full check up with a variety of health care professionals. In addition, there were snacks to be had including cotton candy as well as a number of games. The event also raises some funds to go towards the centre's programs, and it brought in close to \$700 thanks to one of it's biggest crowds yet.







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Cadenza music program in fifth year

Instilling a greater level of enthusiasm among its music students

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Cadenza music program is making a growing impact going into its fifth year this summer.

The feedback is that the program of the Douglas Kuhl School of Music is contributing significantly and positively to the musical growth of many students, says director Rochelle Drudge.

Key things for her is that it increases their enthusiasm for music; not just strengthening their skills but that it "brings a level of excitement around being involved in music ... an energy ... that making music is something fun to do ... and something where you can work hard at it and enjoy it."

Cadenza is set for the week of July 3 to 7 at Winkler Elementary School, and it is for students of violin, viola, cello, bass and piano from age five to adult.

The program's success if reflected in its student count doubling from 50 to 100 students.

Drudge notes two thirds of them are returning students and the other third are new, and they come from 20 different communities across southern Manitoba including about half from the Winkler and Morden area.

Around half of the students are studying violin with about a quarter each on piano and cello with a few studying double bass and viola.

The program will involve a team of 27 teachers and student teachers this year including 19 returning along

with eight here for the first time.

"We have about 50 volunteers, both local musicians helping out in classes and parents, grandparents and community volunteers helping with food, concerts and a variety of tasks," notes Drudge.

She adds they make the program affordable for all families who want to participate regardless of their financial situation. Cadenza has a bursary fund available to those students with demonstrable need, and there are also several local opportunities for financial aid for music camps.

Over 30 community businesses and individuals support Cadenza financially, she adds.

Drudge sees Cadenza as introducing many of the students to new styles of music and different group settings.

"A lot of students are participating in an orchestra for the first time or a chamber group," she said, suggesting it can help bring them a new degree of enthusiasm for the music.

As well, it involves a mix of high school and university students – this year from Manitoba, Ontario and Mexico - who will be spending the Cadenza week in Winkler making music alongside professional musicians and gaining valuable teaching experience.

Drudge suggests it can help build the quality of music teaching by offering opportunities for professional growth for local teachers.

"As a local violin teacher, I've learned a significant amount from connecting with other teachers from across Canada," she says

"Each year, we choose a particular focus for music education, both for the students as well as something the teachers can grow in. This year's focus is improvisation," she notes. "Music students are typically not taught how to improvise in lessons because many teachers simply don't know



Some Cadenza students and teachers are seen here with sponsors Keith and Karen Kuhl of Southern Potato and Derek Thiessen of WBS Construction; missing was Terry Elias. Major sponsors are the Kuhl Family at Southern Potato, City of Winkler, Kuhl Foundation, WBS Construction and Triple E.

how to teach this."

Doug Friesen, who is originally from southern Manitoba but now lives in Toronto, will be teaching improvisation skills to students and teachers alike, and there will be a special workshop free and open to the community where he will give ideas to teachers on incorporating improvisation into their teaching.

"I know many teachers are excited about learning from Doug during Cadenza this year," suggested Drudge.

A big benefit to the general public then also comes through the lunchtime concerts that will be held daily that week from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the PW Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

"These concerts are distinctly outside the box and are something very different than most other instrumental or classical concerts," she suggested. "They feature high-quality performances by high-calibre musicians and yet are short, informal, family friendly and free.

"The musicians are a mix of professional performers, teachers, and advanced students," she continued. "The music is high quality but accessible, even for those not as familiar with instrumental music. There is a mix of chamber music and solo performances, and a variety of styles.

"These concerts are aimed to inspire kids to learn music but are also a gift to the wider community."

More information about the program and concerts can be found on the www.cadenzasummermusicweek. com website.





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Students are seen here during the 2016 Cadenza music week classes and then as part of one of the free community concerts.

Area asked to conserve water

By Lorne Stelmach

Water conservation measures were put in place across the region this past week.

The request to area municipalities came through the Pembina Valley Water Co-op because the demand was outstripping the supply at the water treatment plant at Letellier.

"We're asking for people's help to conserve water. There's no lack of water, it's just the treatment system is not keeping up at the Letellier plant," said manager Jake Fehr.

Municipalities and their residents in the region were being asked to avoid non-essential water use ranging from watering lawns and gardens to washing vehicles and filling pools until the system could stabilize.

The measures came as the region found itself in the midst of an extended dry spell, but Fehr said there was

a perfect storm of circumstances that came into play.

"The crops went in at the same time ... crops were all ready to get sprayed ... and then came the hot temperatures," he said.

"So basically what's happening is the supply is just not keeping up with the demand. We're just pushing out a lot more water than what we can make."

Among the affected municipalities was the RM of Stanley, which put out a notice to residents last week on water use restrictions

"The recent warm weather has caused our water systems to see up to a 90 per cent increase in service demand," explained the statement."Municipal water systems are running beyond capacity ... in addition the Pembina Valley Water Co-op issued a request to the RM of Stanley to implement water use restrictions effective

immediately.

On Friday, the municipality announced the restriction were lifted but encouraged residents "to continue to use water wisely to allow systems to return back to normal status over the next two to

three days." Meanwhile. Fehr said they appreciated getting a good response and cooperation from the municipalities in

the area. "One of the best things about the communities is they want to help out," he suggested,

adding the restrictions would likely be a short term situation though dependent on the conditions. "We are starting to make up some ground ...

we will be able to start letting up a bit on the conservation measures."

The Pembina Valley Water Co-op came together in the early 1990s when a number of municipalities wanted to develop a regional approach to sup-

plying potable water in an area which lacked wide distribution but also had the highest rate of economic growth of any region in Manitoba.

The system includes 14 member municipalities with a pipeline distribution system that covers a service area of 9,000 square kilometers and serves a population

base of about 50,000 people. It is based from an office in Altona with water treatment plants in Letellier, Morris and Stephenfield.

New kennels on the way

Foster homes needed when humane society shelter reno gets underway

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is moving ahead with much needed renovations to its shelter in Morden.

A starting date remains uncertain, but the organization is anxious to see work get underway on its new dog kennels.

"Everything just seemed to fall into place to move finally move forward with this project," said public relations chair Megan Rodgers.

Having been in operation for about a decade now, the shelter's kennel area was needing an overhaul, she said.

"Having hundreds of dogs come through this

building, there has been wear and tear," she said.

The original design of the kennels included seams where dirt and stuff can build up, making it harder to keep clean. The plan now is to have new composite walls without screws, so the kennels will have smooth walls.

"We're looking to go to a seamless design, which will be a lot more sanitary for the animals ... as well it will be easier for our volunteers to clean," said Rodgers.

"There's going to be stainless steel corners to protect the joints from becoming dirty, and we're also going to have new resin flooring as well."

It is estimated the project will cost around \$34,000, and three different grants have helped make the project possible. In addition to \$14,600 from

Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, there was funding of \$5,000 each from the Thomas Sill Foundation and the Winkler Community Foundation.

"Once the project gets started, I think we're looking at six to eight weeks for completion," noted Rodgers.

"I think we're anxious to get through it and make sure all the dogs are settled and get through the process. We're looking at the light at the end of the tunnel to have a shiny new kennel area for the dogs."



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Megan Rodgers visits with one of the humane society's current residents in the Morden shelter's kennel area, which is set to receive a makeover.

The project however does pose one challenge for the society in that the dogs will need temporary homes while the work is underway.

"It's a short term commitment," Rodgers said of the need for foster homes. "It can make a huge difference in the life of the dogs," she added in explaining the benefits of foster homes, citing the example of Lexi, who had been in foster for four months.

"She is a completely different dog just being out of the shelter and away from the stress and the noise ... it has really calmed her down," said Rodgers.

"It also gives the dogs a chance to

learn how to be a normal dog in a home environment."

She encouraged anyone who thinks they may be interested to contact the humane society for more information.

Meanwhile, Rodgers noted a couple other areas where the society needs some help.

There is usually a reduction in volunteer base during the summer months, so they are looking for some additional volunteer help, and there is also a need for a building and maintenance rep. on the board.

"So if anyone is handy and has a few hours to spare here and there, we would love to hear from them."

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Canada Day party plans in place

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Lots to choose from between Morden and Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Between Winkler and Morden, there is no shortage of things to do on Canada Day.

Both cities are holding their traditional July 1 celebrations though with the addition of marking the nation's 150th birthday as well.

"For the Canada 150 this year, we're going to have this massive birthday cake ... it's going to measure four Morden's July 1 Beach Blast is feet by eight feet," noted Deb Penner, tourism and marketing director for Winkler.

"We thought it would be fun to celebrate Canada 150 with a downtown celebration as well," said Clare Agnew, director of community services for Morden. "The activities are more geared for the older crowd that might not be interested in going to the Beach Blast, but everyone is welcome. It will be a fun afternoon."

Winkler's activities will again be downtown near Bethel Heritage Park.

"Our Canada Day typically is kind of like a street party. We block off a portion of Main Street beside Bethel Park," said Penner.

There will be a variety of free entertainment as well as plenty of children's activities with a carnival and everything from a petting zoo to games and an inflatable play park.

"I think they have something like 50 or 60 volunteers out there ... it's just amazing what they pull together," said Penner.

The musical lineup includes Jenny and James as well as blues duo Link Neufeld and Steve Dueck, indie quintet Lakes and Pines, classic rock and country act The Pylons and renowned champion fiddler Patty Kusturok.

And of course there is the supper sponsored by Winkler Co-op.

"This year we're going to go kind of more traditional. Five dollars will get you a farmer sausage burger, chips, drink and dessert."



VOICE FILE PHOTOS back, but the city is also holding a Canada 150 celebration downtown, and Winkler carries on with its downtown block party.

Down the highway in Morden, there will be a birthday party downtown in addition to the annual Beach Blast.

The festivities at the lake will feature the usual array of beach fun including making use of the Morden Paddle Club equipment. The area on 8th Street from Stephen Street to North Railway Street will be closed for that Saturday as well though with the party including live music, cultural demonstrations, vendors, beer gardens, a little bit of bingo, games and birthday cake.

The Pembina Hills Gallery will host a beer tasting afternoon with Made in Manitoba beer. Tickets will be \$10 each at the gallery and will get you the chance to choose four samples from a selection of a dozen Manitoba beers.

The afternoon will kick off with a picnic table set for 150 people and food provided by Coffee Culture. Tickets are at the Access Event Centre for \$10 with the picnic served at noon.

There will be zumba at the Morden Activity Centre in the morning followed by a games café from 1 to 4 p.m. with board games, crib, rummoli and the pool tables. Birthday cake and coffee is provided throughout the day.



"It will be a great event, we have some amazing performances from both local bands and cultural groups to showcase Canada's diversity that's right here in our town," explained Courtney Yeo, Morden summer recreation programmer.

The rain location will be the Access Event Centre with all activities going ahead as planned.



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Dino day camps keep growing

Summer program offering daily themes for kids

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is set to again offer kids a chance for some fun learning this summer.

The annual Dino Day Camp begins July 3 and continues daily Monday to Friday until August 18.

"It's a program that just keeps getting increasingly popular," said executive director Peter Cantelon.

"We're starting to see more kids from further afield. Parents will plan a week around day camp, so they'll come down from Winnipeg, and they'll camp locally and their kids will go to day camp.

"It used to be more of a local opportunity ... as we've grown in recognition, the program is attracting people from further away."

The camp is offered to children aged

three to five mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, then kids six to 10 years old get their chance afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20 day, but anyone signed up for a week will get one day for free as an incentive.

The camp will be offered a little differently this summer with daily rather than weekly themes.

Marine Mondays will have a focus on ancient sharks and fish, mosasaurs and marine reptiles, and that will be followed by creatures like the mammoth for Ice Age Tuesdays.

Next up is T-Rex and others for Dino Wednesdays followed by fun with volcanos for Extinction Thursdays, then the week concludes with Fossil Fridays.

"Obviously, with being at the museum, they're going to get a little bit of each ... but the focus of each day will be around those themes," said Cantelon.

"There were certain themes that were more popular than others, so you would have way too many people signing up for one theme ... and then



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The volcanic eruption always gets a reaction from kids taking part in the Dino Day Camp, where youth last year also made papier mache dinosaur eggs.



not everybody would be able to participate ... and not enough people for another theme."

The CFDC has been offering the dino day camps for about a decade now, and though it has evolved over that time, Cantelon said "it's always focussed on being a science and educational camp.

"As much as there's a lot of fun and activities, we want to make sure the kids leave knowing a bit more about fossils and dinosaurs and aquasaurs in general than when they came in," he continued.

"That's part of the selling pitch to parents ... they know when their kids come to Dino Camp they're getting a fun education in the process.

"For us, what we love about this is

it's giving kids an opportunity to be part of the museum without having their parents in tow. Sometimes, the kids want to do their own thing ... this is their opportunity," said Cantelon.

"We get some kids, they come in with a tonne of knowledge ... we get this great opportunity to give them a better understanding of the environment that these things lived in. They're not as familiar with the aquasaurs, the marine reptiles," he concluded.

"For them, it's a big learning opportunity, and of course they get a lot of the hands-on experience. Most people who end up at the museum don't get to go into our lab and go into our collection room, but of course our kids will ... that's part of the experience."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A group of about 30 adventurous people had a chance to learn the basics of fencing Wednesday as part of the Morden Try It program. Andre Lavoie of the Rapier Club in Winnipeg was one of three instructors leading the two hour session. "It's a very new sport to people ... not a lot of exposure. It's a very technical sport, a lot of technique involved," he said, noting the club has seen increased interest with its admissions tripling in a year. It was the latest in a series of Try It activities to help Morden in its competition with Winkler to see which community can check off more activities from the ParticipACTION 150 Playlist.

New home in the works for McClung houses

Fall opening eyed for new heritage site project in Manitou

By Lorne Stelmach

The new Nellie McClung Heritage Site will soon be taking shape in Manitou.

The project involving the moving of two historic homes connected to the famous social activist, politician and author from the former Archibald Museum is progressing well with organizers anticipating a fall opening date.

"I'm really excited about it," said committee co-chairperson Bette Mueller, as work continued on the two homes at a temporary location near the community.

"At the start, you always wonder will we ever be able to do this ... but we've had such a strong committee right from the start ... and some support from people who have been really helpful."

The plan for the two homes - one where McClung first boarded and the other where she later resided with her husband - started to take shape when the museum west of Manitou shut-



down.

They were moved earlier this year to a nearby private property where some work is being done on the two buildings which date back to the late 1800s.

"Some small repairs have been made ... and they are currently being painted," said Mueller.

They anticipate moving them sometime in July to their new location aside the log house at the main highway entrance into Manitou once their foundations are in place, but the site is cleared in preparation.

"In my mind, it will be like an 1890s street ... we'll have furniture in them all that will be decade appropriate."

The project is progressing well with fundraising on its way to its goal, which had risen from an early estimate of about \$150,000 to closer to

Open for business



cility on site.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe didn't have the usual ribbon cutting duties Saturday with owners Jodie and Adrian Hofer as Wooden Owl Woodworks officially opened for business at 444 Ninth Street South in Morden. Adrian Hofer had worked in construction and sees this as something more permanent and year-round, but he also grew up building furniture. Their aim is to provide quality furniture at affordable prices and "we want to build something in the community that will build jobs," he added. They offer everything from bedroom furniture to a kid's line as well as custom orders, and there work can be found at a number of locations including locally by Sawatzky's Furniture.



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One of Nellie McClung's early homes with a nearly complete fresh coat of paint awaits its move to its new location in Manitou. "I think that people have just become much more aware of Nellie McClung ... I think there's more recognition on a broader scale," suggests Bette Mueller, who sees that benefitting the project which is moving and fixing up the activist's two early homes.

\$200,000.

"We are about three quarters of the way there," said Mueller, noting their target increased with the plans now including a permanent bathroom fa-

There has been some help with fundraising from Winnipeg consultant Barb Bigger, and there is also a \$15,000 grant that came from Access Credit ing houses and making foundations Union as well as another

grant from the province.

"A lot of it has been raised through donations ... we've received donations from all over the place," she said. "And it's come in from a fairly broad segment of the population. It's come from a variety of places."

She suggested the project is benefitting from the increased level of recognition for McClung in recent years such as with the 100th anniversary last year of women getting the right to vote.

Thankfully, in the last few years, her name has become even better known again," said Mueller.

"I think that people have just become much more aware of Nellie Mc-Clung and the group of women that she worked with. We've always had a fair recognition of Nellie here, but I think there's more recognition on a

broader scale."

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Mueller also gave a lot of credit to the volunteers who have stepped forward to make this happen.

"I've been on a lot of committees, and this is one of the best ones I've ever been on," she said.

"There's a group of people who really know about repairing houses, mov-

... and then there's others of us who feel much more comfortable looking after the other details and raising funds.

"A lot of us come with different skills and abilities and talents," she continued. "I am just so delighted that it's come together like this. It's a group of people who are really dedicated to getting it done."

They are planning a grand opening for Friday, September 8

in conjunction with the Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival, and Manitoba's lieutenant governor Janice Filmon is to attend.

"We expect to have them done before that ... and we will expect to have some tours before hand ... but that will be the grand opening."

Putting empathy into practice



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The students of Alyssa Friesen's class at JR Walkof School put into practice recently what they had learned about the concept of empathy. After learning about Alzheimer's or dementia as well as Katie Cares, they decided to have a garage sale as a class where they all brought in used items and sold them to raise money. Representatives of the Alzheimer's Society and Katie Cares recently visited the class to each receive donations of \$100.

Tractor Trek turns ten

Visit the Villages a major fundraiser for Eden Health Care

By Lorne Stelmach

The Eden Foundation marks a couple milestones with its Visit the Villages Tractor Trek this summer.

The 10th edition of the major fundraising event also falls in the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Eden organization.

It's cause for celebration, but that even goes beyond the financial impact of the event, which raised over \$60,800 last year alone.

"It is a signature event ... a premium event for us. It's a very important piece of our fundraising efforts, said Earl Reimer, director of de-

velopment for the Eden Foundation. "The other thing though that is equally important is the engagement and acceptance," he said. "It represents an effort to walk alongside those who are dealing with mental health issues. It is a distinct effort in fulfilling our mission, which is to bring hope, healing and community."

The funds raised go to support the work of Eden Health Care Services, which is a creation of the Mennonite communities of southern Manitoba.

Set for July 8, the Tractor Trek makes a connection between the historical significance of those Mennonite

settlements and the contemporary reality by engaging people who have an appreciation for tractors that are 40 years of age or older.

The trek begins in the village of Reinland and meanders through some of the villages around the Altona, Plum Coulee and Winkler areas.

Reimer noted they have tried to make the route visit all of the area villages - a total of 25 different communities.

It starts in Reinland with a breakfast that is also a fundraising event for the community centre there. Once the trekkers are on their way, they will drive west, and



The 2016 Visit The Villages Tractor Trek raised over \$60,000 for the Eden Foundation.

then once past Blumenfeld turn north and finish at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

A highlight of the event this year then will be the Tractor Olympics with six different events scheduled there:

• Wagon back-up - requires a driver to back a four-wheel wagon along a prescribed distance without going out of bounds.

• Barrel roll - requiring a driver to push a barrel from a starting point to the finish line and remaining inbounds without crushing the barrel.

• Blind-man's leap - the driver is blindfolded and must drive a distance

of 20 feet, stopping as close to the 20 foot mark as possible.

• Chain-fold - a driver will have a 20 foot chain attached to the hitch of the tractor and must drive forward and then reverse in order that the chain is folded on to a two foot square.

• Slow race - where the slowest tractor wins.

• Balance beam - requiring a driver to balance the tractor on a teeter-tot-ter beam.

You can get more information about the Tractor Trek under the events section of the www.edenhealthcare.ca website

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Supportive housing planned

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By Lorne Stelmach

The Buhler Active Living Centre announced the next phase in its development this past week as it marked its one year anniversary with an open house Saturday.

The second floor of the centre will offer supportive housing with 24 private individual suites in two 12-unit sections.

"We're filling a real big need here in the community," suggested Mike

Chute, executive director of the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The supportive housing unit will offer a secure environment for people in need of a light level of assistance.

It will provide a full meal service in the central dining area, and each of the two supportive housing areas have a full kitchen that is also open into a common recreation and

lounge area including two sitting areas with televisions.

As well, there is controlled access to a large outdoor terrace where residents could be enjoying some container gardening as well as out door activities.

In addition, there are plans for two respite rooms that could be available for short term use.

Supportive housing seemed to be a good fit for the second floor of the centre with residents there being able to enjoy the benefits of the services that are available in the building.

Chute said they arrived at the point where they decided the time was right for them to move forward with this project on their own.

"It's been a bit of a journey as far as getting the funding that we needed," said Chute.

> "We built it to serve a purpose and a need, and we're just going to go ahead and do it the Winkler way and get it done," added board chairperson George Klassen.

"The province just doesn't have any more funding for health care," he observed. "We're not getting any government funding at all."

The next step will be to hire a manager and get staffing in place, though Klassen added there will be a significant volunteer component.

"We'll be relying on volunteers to help us with the staffing," he said, adding they have had some people express interest. "We've had a few who have already come ... so we're



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE **Board chairperson George** Klassen and executive director Mike Chute see supportive housing as being an ideal use for the second floor of the Buhler Active Living Centre. The two 12-unit housing sections each feature a common area and full kitchens.

very confident that we'll get some more volunteers coming."

"We've also got the senior centre as part of the building, and they have a bank of volunteers. A lot of them have also expressed they would like to come up here," added Chute.

"We're hoping for August - September as a date we want to get started," he added, noting assessment will be done through the home care process.

"People who enter the facility will be assessed or panelled through home care so that they meet the criteria for



this type of living environment," said Chute.

"It's really light assisted care," he concluded."It'll be kind of like home ... the things they did at home that they can no longer do on their own."

Swing for Safety supports family shelter

By Lorne Stelmach

Golfers are again being counted on to help out the local family shelter.

Genesis House holds its 14th Swing for Safety annual golf tournament at the Miami Golf Course Friday July 7.

Last year's event had over 30 golfers combine their efforts to raise over \$4,800, and the funds are essential to help Genesis House ensure they can continue with services like the crisis line that is available and staffed 24 hours a day year round.

"We know how difficult reaching out to ask for help can be," said chairperson Cheryl Braun, noting Genesis House alone receives about 300 crisis calls per year.

"It is imperative for the community to know that the crisis line staff are available 24 hours a day to listen and provide non-judgmental support when someone finally makes that courageous decision," Braun said.

"Staff are well trained and are often able to provide some options or referrals that callers are not aware of that may really make a difference for their quality of life."

Braun said the South Central Committee on Family Violence is very grateful for the community support and funds that are generated through this and other events each year as it makes a huge difference for people who count on the Genesis House for its confidential services which includes shelter, counseling and network support.

They offer supportive residential and non-residential programs as well as prevention strategies that empower women to make informed decisions, and in the 2016-17 fiscal year, Genesis House provided shelter to 54 women and 72 children.

If you want to offer your support and participate, there will be a 2 p.m. shotgun start that kicks off the event

with dinner to follow. A registration the chance to win great prizes. To regfee of \$60 includes nine holes, supper, a \$20 charitable donation receipt and

ister or learn more about the event, call 204325-9957.

United Way holding annual meeting

more about the Morden and District United Way if you are interested.

The organization holds its annual meeting next Thursday (June 22) at 6:30 p.m. at the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce building.

The meeting will look back at the results from 2016 and look ahead to their plans for 2017, said director Alex Fedorchuk.

The annual charitable campaign fell just short of its goal with a target of \$85,000, while fundraising came in at \$78,700 by year end.

Fedorchuk noted they knew the goal

Next week is your chance to find out was optimistic, but they had wanted to be optimistic and aim high, and their tally was an increase from the

> \$74,000 raised a year earlier. The funds were again supporting just under 30 agencies with a great need in the community reflected in the fact requests for funding are always far more than what they can provide.

> Looking ahead, the United Way has also been considering how to mark a major milestone in 2017 with the organization now having existed for 50 years.

New stage a step up

Main focus is new backstage area

By Lorne Stelmach

A new and improved stage will be in place for this year's Winkler Harvest Festival.

Work is underway with the key features including a backstage area with proper dressing rooms and a washroom.

"This is really going to step it up," said director Deb Penner, noting up to now they would have to bring in motor homes or campers for the backstage area in addition to portable toilets.

The project does represent a compromise to keep the costs within a budget of \$250,000 with \$150,000 coming from Triple E and the remainder through the City of Winkler.

Instead of a whole new stage and dressing room area, the stage will get a cosmetic facelift in addition to the new backstage area. "The hope was to move the stage a little bit to increase our capacity in the bowl. When we started looking at some actual pricing on that, it got a little bit out of our comfort zone," said Penner.

"We realized then how strong and stable the actual stage is ... the priority then became the backstage area," she continued."We decided to do just a bit of a cosmetic facelift on the stage, make it look a little better, put some new decking on it.

"The big focus is rebuilding the backstage area," said Penner, who noted the concrete foundation would be in place this week with the walls then going up.

She credited Triple E and James Elias for playing a major role in making the project happen.

"He is passionate about the festival and his hometown and is a great supporter of our event," she said. "We are very, very blessed to have them so passionate about the community and also in particular the festival."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The project has a budget of \$250,000 with \$150,000 coming from Triple E and the remainder through the City of Winkler.

Having fun with French



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE There were a variety of fun games going on last Tuesday at Ecole Morden Middle School as the Grade 6 to 8 French Immersion students organized a carnival for Grade 1 to 5 students from their school as well as Maple Leaf School. "We're doing this just to give them an opportunity to practice their French and have some fun with French as well," said Grade 7 teacher Christine Andrews, adding it also is good to get the students from the different schools and grades interacting.



New Winkler Co-op manager in place

Winkler Co-op found its successor to long time general manager George Klassen from within its own ranks.

The board of directors last week announced the appointment of Evan Toews to the position as of June 12.

Toews, who had most recently been operations manager, could not be reached to comment.

He began his career in 2001 with Winkler Co-op as a driver sales representative until his promotion to truck stop manager in 2004. In 2007, he became store m manager position at the Co-op Food Store in Morden, where he remained for a year until a promo-

tion to food division manager, which included overseeing both the Morden and Winkler food stores.

In 2011, Toews then accepted the position of operations manager.

During his time in this role, Toews has taken on a variety of development opportunities including a year with Red River Co-op in food operations.

He replaces George Klassen, who retired in May after over 46 years of service.

While congratulating Toews on his new position, the board also expressed their appreciation to Klassen for his many contributions.



Braving the bucket



PHOTO BY CHRIS CHIAPPETTA

Student Brayden Jonasson braves the ice bucket challenge for the Grade 12 team of Morden Collegiate to cap off the high school's year long Grade Wars competition. It was the final survivor challenge activity for the fun competition, where money is also raised with \$250 being donated to ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Canada.



Torch Run about awareness

Message is about "accepting with no exceptions"



Ecole Morden Middle School students sprinted to the finish for the torch run last Tuesday then local Special Olympics athletes took part in the Winkler leg.

By Lorne Stelmach

It pleased Darren Anderson to see some 400 students running and cheering for Special Olympics this past week in Morden.

Then a little later down the road in Winkler, local Special Olympics athletes themselves took part in the local Law Enforcement Torch Run.

"It's absolutely fantastic for us," said Anderson, torch run and regional fundraising manager with Special Olympics Manitoba.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest public awareness and grassroots fundraising effort for Special Olympics globally.

This is the 30th anniversary of the run overall with the Morden and Winkler area having become a partner again in the last few years in support of Special Olympics.

"It's doing important things here in our community," said local organizer Cst. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service following the local runs last Tuesday.

"We had gone away from it ... but three years ago, we brought it back to the Morden and Winkler area," he said.

"It's gotten bigger and bigger ... and especially with the support of Ecole Morden Middle School," he added, noting that "we've got pretty much the whole school out today, whether they're running or cheering on at the finish line."

In this case, the focus of the local torch run is more about education than fundraising.

"The torch run is simply about accepting with no exceptions and raising awareness," said Edwards, adding it was great then to have the involvement of local Special Olympics athletes for the Winkler run.

"I think even a lot of them left work to come take part in this, so it's awesome ... and they're who we do this for after all," he said.

Anderson said the local run is vital for the organization especially as they build an increased presence in the area.

"You think about a community like Morden right now, where we're just getting back into it and getting programs back going again ... to have so many kids come out and support an event like this is great," said Anderson.

"It just helps us in a huge way with awareness, and it makes our athletes feel great to know that the community is behind them," he continued.

"They've done the last two years with the polar plunge

and then the police ball they had before that ... so we're talking almost \$100,000 in the last four years or so."

He noted the run overall raised about \$210,000

province-wide in 2016.

"So we're looking to at least match or hopeful exceed that in 2017. Grassroots events like this can always help."

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Fish fry carries on

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Over 500 people turned out last Sunday in La Riviere for the annual fish fry. Having held the event for 18 years, the Pembina Valley Shriners handed the reins over to La Riviere with it now supporting the La Riviere & Community Recreation Association, and it raised around \$4,200. "We've always been blessed with tremendous support from our citizens. We're just pleased to be able to do it," said organizer Ev Janzen, adding there was good support from volunteers like Angie Wubbe, here with her son Dane. RBC also contributed \$1,000 with staff including Evelyn Lea, Kevin Kelner, Sylvia Sanjenko and Curtis Sanjenko of Morden and Winkler on hand.



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Exhibit next step in brothers' artistic journeys

'Cheers' offers photography and other visual art

By Lorne Stelmach

Having an exhibit featured at Winkler Arts and Culture may be as surprising to brothers Tomm and Brenton Penner as it likely is to family and friends.

Billed as a creative compilation of visual art works by Tomm and photography work by Brenton, the show comes about as part of what has been a somewhat surprising artistic journey.

"We've never done anything like this before. This was something new for us,"Tomm said after the recent debut of the exhibition."We're both fairly new at what we do, and we got the opportunity to do this ... and we are very happy that we were able to do it."

Brenton started photography several years ago as Tomm also just started getting back into art including drawing and painting.

He recalled that one particular day





PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Examples of the work of brothers Tomm and Brenton Penner featured this month at Winkler Arts and Culture

in 2015 when he felt the urge to draw again.

"It was something that I imagined ... I spent all day on it ... and I fell in love with it again. I realized ... why am I not doing this anymore?" said Tomm.

"It surprised me, surprised everyone who knew me because people didn't know me for doing this."

He has come to see being involved in art again as a release from the pressures of life such as being a businessowner.

"When I sit down to paint, it's a way for me to do something that's just for me," he explained. "I feel like expression like this is something that, as we grow up, we sometimes lose ... A lot of people say they used to draw or they used to paint or they're too busy for it now," he continued. "I think it's actually

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Morden graffiti investigated

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden police are investigating a number of incidents of graffiti and vandalism.

While on patrol June 5, officers saw spray paint on two separate stop signs in Morden. One at the corner of Route 100 and Jefferson Street was spray-painted red so the word stop was no longer visible, while a second stop sign at the corner of Route 100 and Grant Street had the word Trump on it.

That same day, more spray painting was reported at various locations around Morden including mailboxes, cable boxes and bridges with two distinct writings are being used.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Also on June 5, Morden police were called about a portable storage container broken into on the east side of Maverick Industries west of Morden. The storage container had the lock cut off but nothing appeared to be missing from inside.

Anyone with information is again asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text"TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). On June 7, Morden police issued a warrant for Joshua Andrew Baker of Carman. Baker is wanted on two counts of failing to comply with conditions of his sentence or disposition.

Anyone with information on Baker's whereabouts is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Finally, on June 9, Morden police investigated a report of a fraud involving the theft and forgery of personal cheques taken from a residence in Morden. The cheques were forged and cashed at local banks in Morden and Winkler. Police are continuing their investigation.

During this past

week, members of the Morden Police Service also issued 12 provincial offence Notices to motorists including four to drivers using their cell phones or other devices while driving a vehicle as well as three for without driving drivers liability insurance and five for driving an unregistered vehicle.

SUBMITTED PHOTO A sample of the graffiti which has Morden police seeking information from the community



> 'CHEERS', FROM PG. 15

sometimes the fact that we are so busy that we need it because it's an escape from the rest of our lives."

He describes his work as ideas that grow from his dreams. "For me, art is just one outlet ... there's so many creative outlets," said Tomm."You're seeing something that doesn't exist and you're making it real so that others can see it. That's what I love."

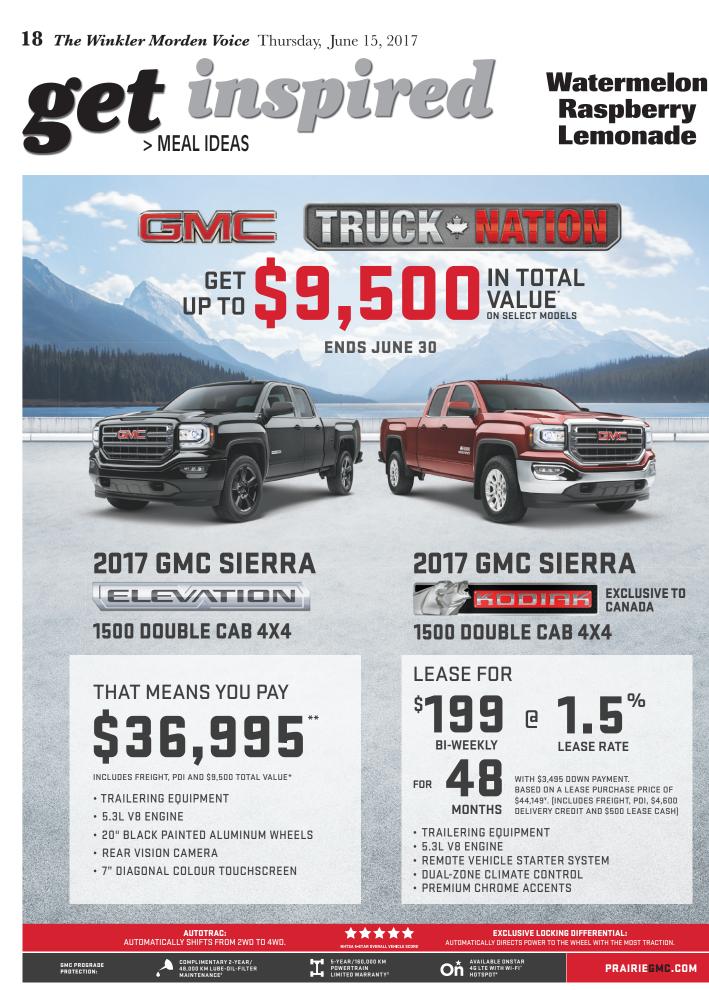
Their exhibit is entitled Cheers with Tomm explaining the idea is people joining with them to celebrate.

"It's about the gathering of the people who come here to see it ... it's not just about our photos and art on the wall ... it's about the people who come together," said Tomm, who added it is especially meaningful for him to be sharing it with his brother.

"It's basically just some of our favorite stuff that we've compiled," said Tomm, whose brother's photographic work offers some variety to the exhibit while also standing on its own with its vivid use and portrayal of light.

"There's a little something for everybody," suggested Tomm, who is somewhat uncertain where he will go with his art from here now other than to "just keep trying to do it for me," he concluded. "There's bigger things in mind that I would love to show ... I haven't made them yet ... I'm trying to push myself."

Through the month of June, Winkler Arts and Culture is also featuring an exhibit by Jonathan Banman entitled 'Misc'.



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Recipe from http://www.watermelon.org Ingredients 6 cups watermelon chunks (seeds removed) 1/4 cup raspberries 1 cup water 1/3 cup sugar 1/2 cup lemon juice Instructions Place watermelon, raspberries and water in container of electric blender, cover and blend until smooth. Strain through fine mesh strainer into pitcher. Stir in sugar and lemon juice until sugar dissolves. Refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

Servings: Makes 4 servings.

Watermelon Greek Salad



Recipe from http://www.watermelon.org Ingredients 3 cups kale, chopped fine

2 cups diced watermelon, seeded 2 cups peeled and diced English

cucumber

1/2 cup diced red onion

1/2 cup Kalamata olives, cut in halves

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint serving grated pepper

1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese Instructions

1. In a large bowl, add kale,

watermelon, cucumber, onion and olives.

2. In a small bowl, whisk oil, vinegar, garlic, mint and pepper.

3. Pour dressing over salad and toss thoroughly. Top with feta cheese. Serve.

Servings: Makes 6 one-cup servings.



Flyers sign two Hawks

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By Lorne Stelmach

Two core members of the Pembina Valley Hawks are moving into the junior ranks with the Winkler Flyers.

The MJHL team announced the signing of forward Everett Bestland and goaltender Aaron Brunn of the AAA midget Hawks.

Flyers coach and general manager Ken Pearson looks forward to seeing what they can bring to the

team.

"Both guys are quality kids and will certainly be able to help us," he says. "We are thrilled that some of the most talented kids in the Pembina Valley choose to come and play for us."

"I'm excited to get this season started ... I can't wait to play for this great organization," says Bestland, a 6'3" and 175 lbs forward from Brunkild.

He recorded 33 points on 16 goals and 17 assists in 46 games with the Hawks last season.

Bestland has the potential to be a reliable two-way forward capable of playing on the top line while defending other teams top lines. He was drafted in the fifth round (46th overall) by the Flyers in the 2014 MJHL bantam draft.

Brunn is equally excited about being able to continue his hockey career with the Flyers.

"I'm looking forward to being able to play in front of family and friends. Having a good relationship with the coaching staff and players should help make the transition from AAA

to junior a lot easier," says Brunn, a 5'8" 160 lbs goaltender from Morden.

He made 37 starts for the Hawks last season, finishing with a record of 20-16-1, a 2.90 goals against average and a .900 save percentage with two shutouts.

Brunn has proven he can be a winner at the AAA level and will look to continue that

success at the junior level, where he did make a start for the Flyers during the 2015-16 season.

The Flyers then later in the week announced the signing of two more forwards for the 2017-18 season.

Griffin Leonard is a 5'11", 175 lbs forward from Winnipeg who recorded 31



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Here in action against the Southwest Cougars this past season for the Pembina Valley Hawks, Everett Bestland is moving up to the Winkler Flyers this season.

points on 15 goals and 16 assists in 41 games with the Wild last season. He also recorded six points in the team's championship run, and he played one game with the Flyers as an AP.

Lucas Barker meanwhile is a 5'11", 170 lbs forward from West Vancouver and another highly sought after prospect. In 49 games at the Burnaby Winter Club last season, Barker recorded 48 points on 28 goals and 20 assists and played in two games with the Prince George Spruce Kings.

"Leonard will be really good for

us down the middle," says Pearson. "Barker is a guy who can find the back of the net, he will score goals in bunches and in all different ways."

"I can't wait for the season to start. It's a huge honour to be a part of the Flyers organization" says Leonard.

"I'm very excited to start the next chapter of my life by playing for the Flyers. I'm choosing this path to develop my game, grow as a person and earn a scholarship to play college hockey," says Barker.

Mixed results for Mohawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Mohawks were on either side of one run decisions this past week in the Border West Baseball League.

They halted a losing streak at two games last Tuesday in edging Clearwater 3-2, but Morden then fell 9-8 to the Baldur Regals Sunday.

Rain forced the rescheduling of their Friday evening tilt with the Pilot Mound Pilots, while the Winkler Whips also had their lone game of the week with Clearwater postponed as well.

The Mohawks scored two in the bottom of the seventh last Tuesday on a Steve Mullin single. Morden had trouble cashing in runners who were in scoring position all night, but with two out and runners on second and third, Mullin singled up the middle to score both.

Blake Hartry went the distance for the Mohawks on the mound, giving up two runs on seven hits while throwing seven strikeouts. Chris Moffatt and Jesse Mutcheson both picked up two hits and each scored a run.

The Mohawks remained a game below .500 at 3 & 4, while Winkler was riding a four game winning streak to hold first at 5 & 1 going into Tuesday night when the Whips were to pay a visit to Morden.

Winkler is then in Baldur for a doubleheader with the Regals Sunday afternoon, while the Mohawks head to Pilot Mound Friday then are in Killarney for a doubleheader with the Lakers Sunday afternoon.

Hurricanes win; Storm drop one

The South Central Hurricanes picked up another win this week without even having to step on the pitch.

A 3-0 win went on the record Sunday for the Hurricanes as a result of Tr-S United forfeiting.

It improved the Hurricanes' record to four wins, one loss and three ties for 15 points, which leaves them battling for first place with Synergy and SE United in the second division of the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League.

That made it a big matchup Wednesday with the Hurricanes

hosting Synergy, then they are in Winnipeg Monday to face the California Raisins.

Meanwhile, the Winkler Storm fell 5-1 Sunday to division leading FC Internazionale.

The Internazionale improved their record to 6-1-0 on top of the first division of the Manitoba Major Soccer League while the Storm slipped below .500 at 2 & 3.

Winkler aimed to get back on the winning track Friday when they head to Winnipeg to take on Scotia United SC.

Mordenite named an ambassador of the game

Morgan Mullin cited for helping advance women's hockey

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden hosting the Esso Cup this past spring is doing a lot for promoting women's hockey in the province.

Morden minor hockey coach Morgan Mullin is all too happy to seize on that momentum here locally now as well.

"I think having the Esso Cup here opened a lot of young girl's eyes ... they

were so excited about the whole experience," says Mullin, who was named a Hockey Canada ambassador recently for her role in helping develop female minor hockey in the province.

A former NCAA player as well as a coach, mentor and driving force behind the recent national female midget hockey championship held in Morden, Mullin sees good things happening as a result.

With some funds coming available as a result of the Esso Cup, she sees an

opportunity to "get girls in the sport and staying in the sport because that's another problem that we face ... they don't really stick with it.

"So that's going to be a huge focus for me this coming year. This year, I think I'll be focussing a lot on the girl's program."

Mullin says it is a little overwhelming to have been honoured by Hockey Canada.

"It means a lot. It's nice to be recognized for all the time that you put in," she says.

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"That's not why I do it ... but it's such an honour to be recognized at the national level for something I do for fun," she continues, adding that "hockey's in my blood, and hockey is in my family. Everything revolves around the rink for us. The whole family is involved," she noted.

She notes a video about her on the Hockey Canada website gets across why she does it, which is she feels it is important to give her time to the development of girl's hockey.

"It's very important for me to give back to that because I didn't have the role models. They weren't tangible for me, they weren't there, they weren't

somebody that I got to talk to on a regular basis," she recalls.

A national program was developing at the time, but she didn't have connections that players can have now. "I didn't know those people, I couldn't talk to those people ... nobody I knew had a scholarship. None of that was there at the time when I was growing up ... I didn't have those positive female hockey role models right there for

me," says Mullin.

"So I think it's very important for the girls to see that it is a dream you can achieve ... it's not something that's so far fetched because for me it was ... but I worked towards it constantly.

"For these girls, I want them to see it first hand ... somebody who played, she coaches ... I really want to empower these girls," says Mullin, suggesting the girls hockey program has come along well and especially in this area. "It's a tough area to recruit those



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

"I think it's very important for the girls to see that it is a dream you can achieve," says Morgan Mullin.

girls, but we are finding that there is an increase coming up ... especially in Morden ... where there are more girls getting involved," she says, noting it is expanding locally now to include the novice and pre-novice levels.

"And those girls are more excited to come now," she concludes, "because I think they get to be with all of their friends, they get to be with all girls ... it wasn't I'm the only girl on the boys team ... it's all girls all the time now."

Strong showings at provincial track meet

Area athletes competed this past weekend at the 2017 high school provincial track and field championships.

It took place June 8 to 10 at the University of Manitoba stadium in Winnipeg, and local competitors had some top three showings in a number of events:

• Varsity girls 1500 metre run - second place for Jordan Parker of Morden Collegiate at 5:12.25

• Varsity girls distance medley - third place for Garden Valley Collegiate at 4:35.71

• Varsity boys javelin throw 700g third place for Victor Keeper of Garden Valley Collegiate at 44.61m.

• Junior varsity girls shotput 4 kg second place for Paige McDonald of Miami School at 9.11m.

• Junior varsity boys javelin throw 700g - third place for Reagan Potter of Pilot Mound Collegiate at 38.04m.

• Junior varsity boys 800 metre run first place for Ethan Clark of Carman Collegiate at 2:03.07.

• Junior varsity boys 3,000 metre run - first place for Ethan Clark of Carman Collegiate at 9:27.84

• Varsity boys 3,000 metre run - sec-

ond place for Alex Clemis of Carman Collegiate at 9:30.99.

Varsity boys 100 metre hurdles 0.914m - first place for Luke Van-Damme of Pilot Mound Collegiate at 14.42 2.6 and third place for Kole Bergman of Carman Collegiate at 14.67 2.6

• Varsity boys 4x100 metre relay second place for W.C. Miller Collegiate at 44.79.

Results at the speedway

Winners at the ALH Motor Speedway's June 11 races include:

• Street stocks: James Wall, Art Linert, Rod Wolfe

• Modifieds: Ryan Cousins, Ward Imrie, Jerome Guyot

• Super trucks: Lawrence Enns, Jesse Pederson, Jeff Rempel.

• Pure stocks: Pat Smith, Kevin Smith, Brian Kentner

• Midwest Mods: Austin Hunter, Brenden Luschinski, Patrick Sobolik.

• Four-cylinder: Dean Miljure, Ryan Higgins, Denis Seguin.

Rankin rebels on the road again



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Family and friends came together again Monday in Morden for their annual Big Bike ride in memory of Wayne Rankin. The local team has participated in the campaign in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation each year since the passing of Rankin in 2011, and the contingent of up to 29 riders here together with participants from the City of Morden and research station raised around \$5,000. Now in its 24th year, the Big Bike annually raises over \$8 million nationally with a provincial goal this year to bring in around a quarter of a million dollars.

Morden rodeo star moves on



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden student Morgan Reimer competed at the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association finals in Swan River June 9 to 12 and will now go to Wyoming for the national high school rodeo finals July 16 to 22. The 17-year-old Reimer is seen here in pole bending, where she placed 11th. She earned the trip by placing eighth in goat tieing while also competing in barrel racing as well. Reimer had also been up for rodeo queen but that title ended up going to Milagh Sattler of Stockton, Manitoba.

Orioles halt winless slide

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A GOOD GAME

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles snapped their four game losing skid with two wins in a row.

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League team had all aspects of their game chip in as the Orioles first shutout the Elmwood Giants 7-0 Sunday in

Winnipeg.

"It was a very good win. Their spirits have picked up ... it was a good game for us," said Pembina Valley coach Joe Wiwchar.

"Seth Staple went the distance ... pitched a whole game ... and we got some good hits," he continued, sin-

gling out as well a stellar defensive play by centrefielder Tim Dunn. "He made one heck of a throw from centre field to catch a guy coming home." The Orioles then kept their momentum going Monday night as they edged the Carillon Sultans 3-2 in a make-up game that was rained out last Friday.

The pair of wins improved their record to 4 & 7, which lifted the Orioles into sixth place ahead of the 4 & 8 Interlake Blue Jays and

close to the fifth place Altona Bisons at 5 & 4, while the St. Boniface Legionaires were bringing up the rear at 2 & 8.

Wiwchar was hopeful it might be signalling a change in a trend which previously had the Orioles at 3 & 3 on the road but winless in their first four at home until now.

"We seem to be playing better away than at home ... I'm not sure why."

The Orioles remained at home to host Interlake Friday night then welcome the St. James As for a doubleheader Sunday afternoon.

Agriculture

Rail shutdown a big blow for Churchill

By Harry Siemens

OmniTRAX announced an indefinite suspension of all rail service due to severe flooding and washout conditions in northern Manitoba.

The Hudson Bay rail line near Gillam has been impassable since May 23

A preliminary assessment shows washouts in 19 locations. Five bridges have visible damage, and another 30 bridges and 6,000 culverts will need to be further assessed for structural integrity.

It's a further blow with the Port of Churchill having received little to no use since the end of the Canadian Wheat Board. One ship is expected to go to Churchill later this year to haul out the remaining grain stored in the terminal.

Merv Tweed, president of Omni-

TRAX Canada, said the conditions now are a 1-in-100 year flood.

Tweed said it's a big problem for Churchill and First Nations communities served by Hudson Bay Rail.

"You've got communities all along that rail line that need service, that need food and need ways to get in and out, he said. "Right now, that just isn't happening for them other than by air, which most will say is just far too expensive."

Water levels are beginning to recede, but it will be several weeks before a final damage report is prepared.

"We have been out and surveyed it several times. We've taken some private engineers up to look at it and to give us some advice," said Tweed.

"Right now we're basically in a holding pattern, hoping that the water will recede to a point where we can actuexactly what needs to be done, but people in the area are telling us they haven't seen this in their lifetime," said Tweed.

"Some of them are referring to it as a one in a hundred year flood. We just have areas where there's probably 10 to 15 feet of water laying on top of it. So it is severe. I really don't think people understand or appreciate how bad it is and how bad it could become until the water recedes."

The OmniTRAX Canadian president said a lot of it is overland flooding, and the rivers are at maximum capacity.

"The Churchill River peaked, I think, June 4 and it's the highest that they've seen on the record, so I think it's just a culmination of real heavy snowfall, real hard snow pack.

"We still have parts of the track on the northernmost part that aren't ally get on the ground and find out thawed out yet, so we still believe that

there's some more water to come."

Tweed is uncertain what impact this may have in relation to the pending sale agreement.

"Once we get the engineer's' report and a cost analysis, then decisions have to made, but we believe that the track is imperative to the north," he said.

The Town of Churchill relies on the rail line for its supplies.

"We train it all up from Thompson as a rule and that, since the flood, just hasn't happened," he concluded.

"It is dire, and I think the communities are looking at alternative plans right now to find ways to bring food and supplies in, and hopefully they are still standing when the flood recedes, and we can get on with business."



By Harry Siemens

In our recent trip to Switzerland and England, I met up with Mike Lee, whom I met on Twitter where he offered views of farming from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

Now living in the southwest of England after previously being in Russia and Ukraine, Lee isn't pleased that Britain is leaving the EU.

"Well, if you look at the financial performance of British agriculture and a lot of western agriculture, it fundamentally survives on subsidies," said Lee. "In the previous 10 to 12 years, British grain farmers were only profitable one year in 10 without subsidies. So the subsidies provided the margin.

"Now, subsidies are not necessarily a good thing," he added, while noting though the government may be making promises it can't keep in the wake of leaving the EU. "Certainly, for the next two years, they guarantee the same amount of payment to British farmers, but after that, we don't know. And the assumption is that they will be able to trade, they'll be able to export and create business for British farmers that way, but where are they going to export to?" he asked.

As he got ready to take another crop tour of Russia and Ukraine, Lee said the nearest market is the European Union, so why would the EU take in products from the UK when they could equally go to the other side of Europe and towards the Ukraine to import more grain from there into the EU rather than buying it from the UK.

"I think if I was a British farmer, and if my income was reliant on agriculture in the UK, I would be very, very worried about the future," said Lee.

"In the UK, there's a lot of sheep and beef reared on extensive moorland and that thrives primarily on subsidies alone. So the assumption is that once the subsidies go, they will go, they will not be able to function.

"The sums just don't add up, and

that's just the start of it," he added. "There will be lots of other businesses in the UK that will find that they can't make their numbers add up without that additional support mechanism."

The dairy industry is in deep trouble already with several dairy farmers leaving the business every week.

"The British dairy industry is in crisis ... and the dairy industry keeps saying that there is a crisis. That's driven by the retail price of milk, which is very low. Milk is sold as a commodity, possibly sold as a loss leader, so it's very cheap ... and as a result, the price of milk that the farmers are receiving is very close to or even below the cost of production, so they can't make the current farming systems work profitably," he said.

"So, these farmers are closing down. The next logical step to that situation is to make the farmers more profitable, and to make them more profitable you talk about scale and systems, and one of the things people have talked about is indoor dairies or large 'super dairies', but large-scale dairy farms with in excess of 300, 400 cows that are kept indoors."

Lee said there is a reticence here to allow them to operate because it's not what the consumer wants or at least perceived to want. There is a perception that cows in this country or milk is produced from cows that are grazed on grass all year round and have this very high status.

"The perception is if you have 300 or 400 cows inside all year round, that's a bad thing. But it's not.

"As scientists, as animal welfarists, as farmers, we understand that you can have a very high welfare status for cows kept indoors, and there isn't really a problem with that," he said.

"So there's this disconnect between what the market wants and what the market is prepared to pay, and at the moment British farmers, dairy farmers are paying the cost by closing down."

World Pork Expo showcase for the industry

By Harry Siemens

Education, innovation and networking were all part of the agenda for World Pork Expo June 7 to 9 in Des Moines, IA.

Presented by the National Pork Producers Council, the expo features the world's largest pork-specific trade show along with seminars, youth and open swine shows, market outlook sessions and an abundance of grilled pork.

"We could be at a lot of different places, but we made it a priority to be here," said Rick Bergmann of Steinbach, who represented the Canadian Pork Council as president of the CPC.

"There's a lot of discussion on NAF-TA and where that will go. Our focus has been to come here and to talk to not only producers but also government representatives and others."

When it comes to NAFTA, something that resonates with producers on both sides of the border, simply put the view is don't try to fix what isn't broken.

"We've heard that at so many different levels," he said.

"Our trade with the U.S. and specifi-

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cally with Iowa is such an integrated model and it works well. There's been a lot of successes over the numerous decades. That's something that we have to ensure that we protect for both, not only the countries but the producers that are in rural Canada and the rural US," he said.

"When I was in a show here in Des Moines in January, that's exactly when there was a discussion about NAFTA and reviewing or scrapping. Those were the words that people used. It got some traction in the media and discussions."

Bergmann said when one looks at all the different models of trade within the world and compares them to NAFTA, it's a program that does work and it works well for agriculture.

He thinks agriculture is the shining star within NAFTA and between the US and Canada, and we need to ensure that stays strong.

"I believe that their common sense approach and their understanding of the importance of agriculture and agricultural trade will lead us out of the slippery slope that we're in right now," Bergmann said.

"Again, when it comes down to the

trade between Canada and the US, what I've heard here at the show is NAFTA has been very positive and it has helped family farms here. And I can say with full knowledge that it's really benefited farms back in Canada.

Dustin Baker, deputy director of economics and domestic production with the National Pork Producers Council, outlined one of the issues up for discussion at the expo known as the GIPSA rule referred to as the Farmers Fair Practices Rule by the USDA.

"It really stems from the 2008 Farm Bill when the Congress directed USDA to address some issues when it comes to contracts in livestock and poultry production,"he explained.

'USDA went above and beyond the mandate from Congress, and Congress had multiple times put riders in appropriations bills to prevent USDA from implementing these poor rules," said Baker.

"The Obama administration in its last several weeks tried to put forth these rules again, and that's what we're dealing with right now. The interim final rule would broaden the scope of the Packers and Stockyards

Act of 1921, related to the use of unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive practices and undue or unreasonable preferences and advantages.

"The regulation would deem these actions violations of federal law, even if they didn't harm competition or cause competitive injury. Essentially, it would lower the threshold at which a producer could bring a lawsuit against a packer."

The National Pork Producers Council commissioned some studies to assess the economic impact of these rules, and a study conducted in 2016 showed these rules would cost a pork producer more than \$4 per pigs, so there's an economic impact.

"Over time, we've had producers submitting comments to urge the administration to withdraw the rule. We're actually in the middle of a comment period right now," said Baker.

"The Trump administration delayed the effective date to October 19 for these GIPSA rules. We've been encouraging producers across the country to submit comments to the administration urging them to withdraw the rule."

E-cigarettes: what do we know?

or those of you who may not know, an e-cigarette is defined by the World Health **Organization** as a battery powered device used to heat and aerosolize a solution containing propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, flavorings, and sometimes nicotine.

They come in many different shapes and forms but there are two major categories to be aware of.

One category looks like a cigarette, also known as a "cigalike." These tend to be disposable and pre filled with e-liquid.

The other category is known as advanced personal vaporizers, or APVs. APVs are also known as tube mods or box mods and these are refillable and customizable in terms of the e-liquid selection, vapor production, and the nicotine

content. Any form of e-cigarette containing nicotine or eliquid containing nicotine is not legal to sell in Canada, and yet vape shops are popping up everywhere and products containing nicotine are readily available on their shelves.

Is vaping safe for nonsmokers? The evidence we

we know is that as the e-liquid is than cigarettes. Therefore we know heated it is broken down into its that if someone is using e-cigarettes

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We also know that the particulate matter being inhaled by someone who is vaping is similar to the particulate matter found when smok-

ing a cigarette. Inhaling particulate matter is known to cause lung damage. Other studies have found that the chemicals inhaled while vaping may affect brain development in youth.

Is vaping safe for smokers who are trying to quit? An independent review from Public Health England revealed that e-ciga-

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to help them quit smoking and makes the switch completely from cigarettes to vaping they are exposing their bodies to fewer chemicals. Unfortunately, this is not the common practice-most smokers tend to smoke cigarettes and vape at the same time, or they quit smoking and only vape for a short period of time and then relapse back to smoking.

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By Karen McElroy, RRT



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Irma Guenther June 25, 1921 – June 4, 2017

Irma Guenther was born on June 25, 1921 in Ohrloff/Molotschna Colony in South Russia to John Peter and Maria (Klassen) Dick. As a three year old, Irma, along with her parents, her little brother Edgar, her grandparents and other relatives, emigrated from Russia to Canada. After spending the first year with a Mennonite family in Markham, Ontario, the family moved west to a farm in Culross, Manitoba. Irma loved to tell stories of her growing up years. She remembered wonderful times of playing with cousins and being surrounded by a busy houseful of grandparents and siblings. We are grateful that she wrote so many of these memories down!

After attending school in Culross, Gretna, and Elm Creek, at age 19 Irma entered the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg and earned her RN degree. It was there that she met the love of her life, Henry Guenther, and they were married on September 22, 1945. They settled in Winnipeg and were delighted to begin a family.

During the next decades Irma gave herself to caring for a full house of children that she and Henry were blessed with. Even through this season of life, with Henry very busy as a family practice doctor and a growing family of little ones at home, Irma and Henry stayed deeply in love and made time for each other. They were also committed to showing their love for God by caring for others. Irma loved leading a neighborhood women's Bible study and was always busy showing special kindness to neighbors. Many a lonely person was fed at the supper table and the children could be seen delivering freshly baked bread and garden produce down the block with the wagon. Irma also took great delight in expressing

her creative spirit by re-using materials and sewing fancy little coats that she would give away. Inside these creations you could find these embroidered words: "Stitches with Jesus".

There were also heartaches during these years. Henry's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis necessitated a career change that involved going back to school in order to practice psychiatry. Those were times of learning to trust God with all the unknowns. When Henry accepted a position as psychiatrist with Eden Mental Health Center in Winkler, MB, the family moved to Morden in 1975. Very shortly after the move, a house fire destroyed many of their belongings but spared all their lives. This became an occasion to receive much help from the town and strangers became friends. In addition to caring for her family, Irma also became involved again in a home Bible study group and started volunteering at the local thrift store where she formed friendships that lasted through the next decades.

After Henry's health started to fade and most of the children had left home, they moved to a smaller home in Morden. Irma delighted in the opportunity to transform what started off as a lawn into a yard full of trees and flowers. How she loved to be out in the garden, to do her daily writing in her many journals, to faithfully write letters, and to spend time reading and re-reading her Bible. And then she loved to curl up on her settee in the sun, under a blanket, and read yet another book before having a nap. After Henry died in 1994, Irma had more adjustments to make and found new routines with friends and family. She stayed in her beloved little house until 2014 when she was no longer able to live safely on her own. She moved to Homestead South for the last few years of her life and was so grateful for the good and helpful staff there. Due to declining health, Irma spent the last five months in Boundary Trails Hospital. She died peacefully in her sleep on Pentecost Sunday — June 4, 2017.

Irma was predeceased by her husband Henry in 1994; daughter Heather in 1992; son-in-law Jeff Urschatz in 2011; daughter Heidi in 2013; and, most recently, her son Kurt in 2017. She was also predeceased by her brothers Helmuth, Edgar and Harry and is survived by her sister Karen Mascioli. She leaves to mourn her large family of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to join together for a time of singing and sharing stories and thanking God for Irma's life. A celebration of her life will take place on Friday, June 16 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Westside Community Church, 831 Thornhill Street, Morden, Manitoba, MB R6M 1J8.

In keeping with Irma's love for walking downtown, sitting on benches together with friends and watching people, playing her harmonica and making even more new friends, the family would welcome donations for a memorial bench to encourage others to also build community. Cheques should be made payable to "The City of Morden" and identified as "Irma Guenther Memorial" and mailed to Clare Agnew c/o Access Event Centre, 111Gilmour Street, Morden, MB R6M 1N9



OBITUARY

Ruth Dyck 1922 - 2017

Ruth Dyck peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on June 2, 2017 at the Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler, Manitoba. She was born on May 27, 1922 to Aron P. and Lena (Wiebe) Dyck.

She graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1955 and retired from her nursing career in 1987 after 32 years. Her nursing career included working at Winkler Bethel Hospital, Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, Dauphin Hospital, Morden Tabor Home and Concordia Hospital.

In 2010 Ruth moved from Winnipeg to Winkler to be closer to family and in 2014 she moved to Salem Personal Care Home.

She was predeceased by her parents; one sister, Annie; two brothers, Aron Dyck and Henry Dyck; sister-in-law, Ann Dyck and sister-in-law, Susan Dyck. She is survived by a brother, Frank Dyck; sister, Lena and John Peters; sister-in-law, Evelyn Dyck and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on June 7, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Salem Home for their compassionate care Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler

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OBITUARY



Jacob (Jake) Banman 1946 – 2017

Jake Banman was born in Winkler on December 18, 1946 to Katherine and Henry Banman, the third of five children. At an early age, Jake was a mischievous little boy who loved to have fun, and enjoyed pulling pranks on his siblings and friends. Jake began working on the pipeline at age 25 where he continued to work for the next 45 years. On the pipeline, he appreciated the camaraderie, making many good friends from across the country over the years. Between jobs, Jake really enjoyed golfing; especially more recently, with his good friend, Garry on Thursdays in Walhalla. Jake spent many relaxing times on the backroads of southern Manitoba, crossing western Canada, or on Salt Spring Island, where he combined his love of the Canadian landscape with his passion

for photography; taking photographs of the rich and varied scenery in each region he passed through. Jake derived great pleasure from reading, particularly checking out the ads in the newspaper, Autotrader and Pembina Valley Online.... always on the hunt for a deal!

Jake had a great sense of humour and was deeply caring with a huge compassionate heart. With a genuine interest in people, he always took the time to talk, learn about and encourage others. Above all, Jake's favorite pastime was spending time with his nephews and nieces, and in the later years, their children. He enjoyed their fascinations, the way they talked and spoke about things and ultimately the smiles, laughs and hugs of the little ones. Jake was a very generous man, both with his time and resources, always prepared to invest in the lives and ventures of family and friends. One of his most common gifts was the Lego he brought his grand-nieces and nephews, who were always thrilled to receive the coloured blocks, so full of potential.

Jake firmly believed that Jesus Christ died for his sins and that he would spend eternity with Him. Jake passed on to heaven suddenly on Friday, June 2, 2017. He was predeceased by a brother in infancy (1953), his father (1981) and his mother (2004). He is survived by three brothers: Dave in Salem Home, Henry (Carol) of Pilot Mound and John (Shirley) of Winkler and one sister: Leona (Pete) of Vander Hoof, B.C.; 10 nieces and nephews; 17 great nieces and nephews and three great- great nieces and nephews. We will all miss him very much

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 7, 2017 at Grace Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Jake's memory to the Winkler Food Cupboard.

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OBITUARY



Alexander Cole Sawatzky 2011 - 2017Alexander Cole Sawatzky, age 6, of Winkler, MB passed away on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 3:45 a.m. at his residence, after an

8 month battle of DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma), an aggressive brain tumor. He is survived by his parents, Dan and Janet; sister, Victoria; grandparents; numerous aunts and uncles and 17 cousins. Alexander was predeceased by his grandfather, Frank Quiring in 1998 and cousin, Nathaniel in infancy.

Alexander was born at Boundary Trails Health Center on January 14, 2011 at 3:35 p.m. to Dan and Janet (Quiring) Sawatzky. After complications, the pregnancy of Alexander was a miracle and a wonderful surprise. Alexander was loved and cherished well before he was even born, with his birth being an exciting time. He was a cuddly baby and loved being held, much to everyone's

delight, he remained a snuggler and always loved being held. Alexander was a hugger and gave the best bear hugs. He'd hang on tight and squeeze hard, showing just how strong he was. His tender heart loved everyone and he enjoyed giving to others and making people smile. Though he received many gifts in his time on earth, they didn't mean as much to him as time spent with his family and friends. Alexander remembered and talked about things done with him, places gone and fun had. Memories were far more precious to him than material possessions and he would often say "we need to have a talk". Alexander was a content child and would play for hours by himself. Lego, rescue bots and firetrucks were his favorite things to play with. Many people will remember him from the baseball diamonds, riding around on his little red strider bike, there was rarely a time that Alexander went anywhere without it.

Right from young on, Alexander wanted to be a firefighter. He played fireman and dreamed of putting out fires and driving a big fire truck. It wasn't surprising that his favorite color was red. In October, Alexander was able to have a dream fulfilled and rode in a firetruck. He was beyond thrilled to sit in the captain's seat, hear the siren, and see all the equipment. The smiles and excitement that day will be remembered forever.

Alexander was an amazing big brother to Victoria and loved her with all his heart. He was very protective of her and always looked out for her. His soft heart couldn't handle if she cried and he would cry as well. The love between them will never be forgotten, they were best friends. Alexander was a special son, brother, grandson, great-grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. There isn't a person he met that he didn't impact. God had such an amazing purpose for him on earth and we know he has a greater one in heaven now, he received his promotion and he was ready. On October 2, 2016, Alexander was diagnosed with a brain tumor at BTHC. He was transferred to Children's Hospital where he was diagnosed with DIPG. The next 8 months and 3 days were a testament to how incredibly strong Alexander was. He never complained and he remained grateful and happy. Alexander taught everyone around him what it meant to live life for Jesus. He knew that Jesus lived in his heart and he wanted that for everyone. He frequently talked about heaven and had many dreams about it. Though our hearts ache, we find comfort in knowing that Alexander is with Jesus and finally got to give him a big bear hug.

The funeral service for Alexander Cole Sawatzky was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the Winkler EMMC with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manitoba Candlelighters Childhood Support Group.

A special thank you goes to Wiebe Funeral Home, Dr. Woelk, Dr. Sheps, nurses, Karen and Deanne, the staff at the Children's Hospital, the community of Winkler and all those who were a part of Alexander's Army. Thank you for all the prayers, gifts, meals, flowers and encouragement these past 8 months

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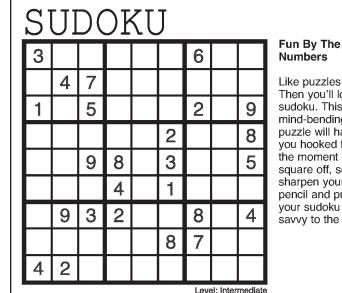


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